



# St. Michael's Newsletter

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## From the Rector: Giving Thanks, for Saints, for Blessings

On Sunday, Nov. 6, the church will celebrate All Saints' Sunday. It is a chance to recognize saints who have been models, teachers, and inspirers of faith. These include the famous saints of the church, St. Francis or newly sainted Theresa, for example, or St. Catherine of Sienna, from whom I believe St. Catherine's Guild is named. All Saints' Day also acknowledges those less famous but held in esteem by individuals, families or local communities. These are people who have helped guide our own lives as bearers of grace and good deeds in their own ways. Maybe they didn't even know they were doing so! All Saints' Day connects us deeper in the "mystical body" of those who have gone before us, those with us, and those who will follow us.

At the end of October I had the privilege to officiate a wedding. It was a joyous occasion made all the more celebratory by the closeness of the families, extended families, and generations present (not to mention the bride and groom themselves). For the ceremony I was vested in the appropriate liturgical garb, including a white stole. The stole was made by my Aunt Alice, my mother's sister, from a piece of silk my mother and father had picked up on a parish-sponsored trip to Turkey a year or two before I was ordained. Alice was a tremendous sewer and seamstress, who was at one time head of the Altar Guild for the Diocese of Los Angeles (we lived in the Diocese growing up.) The stole was a gift at my ordination to the priesthood. Alice's late husband, my Uncle Grant, was my godfather. Alice is now in her early 90's and is dealing with health issues. The

stole is dear to me. It has its liturgical significance, but it also connects me in an ineffable way (beyond words) with the presence and care Alice and Grant provided me, along with my parents, and the faith they bear. In their own ways they have been great stewards of the church and faith. Among other things, they have brought me along, too. I am thankful.

The calendar points us to All Saints' Day, just as later in the month it brings us to Thanksgiving Day. One celebration originates from the ecclesiastical, spiritual realm, and the other finds its origin in a secular, national realm. They are not mutually exclusive. We give thanks for the harvest, for our food, for our shelter and by extension the freedoms and rights we enjoy in this country. "It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth," the preface for Holy Communion begins. "Eucharist" means thanksgiving.

Giving thanks – thanks giving - is a form of stewardship. It recognizes the abundance of blessings we have; it recognizes the deep ways in which we are connected. As such, we are inspired to "pay it forward" as the saying goes. We do so with our time, our talents, and our treasures. The saints in our midst – aunts, uncles, parents, parishioners – show us the way. For the saints of God are met "in school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in shops, or at tea, for the saints of God are just folk like [you and me], and I mean to be one too." (Hymn 293, *1982 Hymnal*, words by Lesbia Scott)

-Fr. Andrew

## From the Music Director

### Choral Evensong, Sunday, Nov. 6 at 5 pm

Please join us for Choral Evensong on November 6, when the St. Michael's Choir will sing music by T.T.Noble and Thomas Tallis.

### Joshua Lawton Organ Recital, Nov. 20 at 5pm

On November 20th, our recital series continues with Joshua Lawton as our guest organ recitalist. Joshua is Music Director at Trinity Parish, Newton Centre.

Here is his program, which will sound wonderful on our fine instrument:

- Praeludium in C Minor, BWV 546 Johann Sebastian Bach
- Sonata I for Organ (1937) Paul Hindemith
- Variations on an old drinking song (1938) Hugo Distler
- Partita on "Jam lucis orto sidere" Gerald Near
- Chorale Postludium: Sollt ich meinem Gott nicht singen, Op. 78 (1912) Sigfrid Karg-Elert
- Sonata III for Organ ("On old folksongs") Hindemith
- Fugue in C Minor, BWV 546 Bach

### All Saints Sunday Special, November 6th Youth & Adult Choir at 10 am

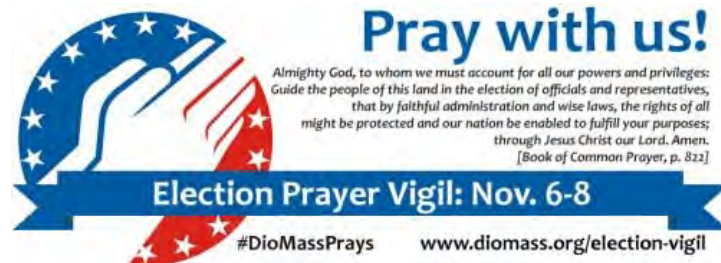
And finally, our very talented Youth Choir will be joining us on Sunday, November 6 for the 10 am Eucharist celebrating the Sunday After All Saints Day.

—Douglas Major

### 2017 Pledge Drive

Information on pledging for our 2017 budget will be mailed shortly. Please send in your pledge as soon as possible so we can plan our 2017 budget.

Thank you!



The Bishops of Massachusetts & Western Massachusetts have called for a Prayer Vigil for the Election. "As our nation approaches its Election Day on Nov. 8, we have a deep yearning for the Holy Spirit to be present in our national life."

St. Michael's will be joining in this Vigil at the following times:

- All Saints Sunday, Nov. 6 at 8 am and 10 am Holy Eucharists, and at 5 pm Choral Evensong with the litany for the nation (BCP. p. 838) and prayers for the election (BCP. p. 822)
- Monday, Nov. 7, 8:30 am - 1:00 pm (or longer) - the Church will be open for individual reflection and prayers
- Tuesday, Nov. 8 at 8:00 am with Morning Prayer

See [www.diomass.org](http://www.diomass.org) for more information, times and locations.

### Marblehead Interfaith Service of Thanksgiving



Tuesday, November 22 at 7:00 pm at  
Temple Sinai, 1 Community Rd., Marblehead

A time to give thanks for all our blessings  
with all our friends across the town.

## In Remembrance of All Saints

All Saints Day is a time to remember those saints among us who have passed on. Those dear to St. Michael's who have died in the last year include:

Philip Herbert Bernier, age 78, died September 12, 2015  
Bruce Campbell, age 89, died November 20, 2015  
Robert Olin Duff, Jr., age 85, died December 23, 2015  
Norman P. Sherwood, died January 4, 2016  
Patricia A. Connors, age 73, died April 21, 2016  
Herbert Gerry Lipsett, age 84, died February 16, 2016

Johnes K. (Jay) Moore, age 84, died March 13, 2016  
Robert Warren Swasey, age 68, died April 14, 2016  
Kenneth N. Davis, Jr., age 90, died May 17, 2016  
Bruce Martin Lackey, age 69, died May 20, 2016  
Ann Wilks Taylor, age 65, died June 19, 2016  
Walter (Collie) S. Williams, age 88, died August 10, 2016

## Church School—from Kelley Callahan



*Some of our Intergenerational Service participants Oct. 16, 2016.*

Our annual **Fall Intergenerational Service** took place on Sunday, October 16. Many of the children participated by reading, writing, greeting, collecting and serving. I think everyone who was there would agree that they all did an outstanding job and we should all be very proud! Thank you to the children for their efforts and willingness to participate and to the parents for all their support.

Many of the children participated in the St. Catherine's Guild/Thrift Shop "**Parade of States**" Fashion Show on October 22. The evening was full of good food, good fel-

lowship, good family fun and well, um ... "good" fashion. The kids rocked the parish hall runway sporting the looks of their favorite states.

Six enthusiastic teens and preteens gathered together on October 16 for this year's second meeting of **Supper Club**. After learning some fun facts about each other in a get-acquainted game of "People Bingo", they talked about forgiveness and its relevance in the life and stories of Joseph. Some great discussions were followed by a VERY well- received taco buffet graciously provided by Helen

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*Supper Club participants having fun on October 16.*



### Upcoming Dates to Remember

- Nov. 6: All Saints Day  
Church School 9:45 am  
Youth Choir sings at 10:00 am service  
Children's Chapel 11:15 am
- Nov. 7: Supper Club 5 pm—7 pm
- Nov. 13: Church School 9:45 am
- Nov. 20: Church School 9:45 am—Making crafts for the Christmas Fair and Christmas Pageant Sign-Up
- Nov. 27: No Church School (Thanksgiving Weekend)
- Nov. 29: Supper Club 5 pm—7 p.m.
- Dec. 4: Church School 9:45 am  
First Christmas pageant rehearsal!!

## Church School—continued from page 3.

Riegle, and a decadent chocolate cake for dessert, compliments of Jenny Oliveira. They finished the evening off with a couple of high-energy Minute-to-Win-It games involving cookies and penne pasta! The next Supper Club will take place on Monday, November 7 from 5-7pm. All youth in grades 6-8 are welcome!

On Sunday, October 9, we celebrated the Feast of St. Francis with the Blessing of the Animals. Four well-

behaved dogs, one bewildered cat, one quiet stuffed animal and a photo of an adopted sea-turtle, were all in attendance to be blessed by Father Andrew.

Preparation is already underway for this year's Children's Christmas Pageant! If your child is able to participate please let me know ASAP. Adult volunteers will also be needed (and most appreciated!) to help with rehearsals, costumes, etc. - Kelley Callahan

## Together We're Better

### The Haven Update

St. Michael's has two people now volunteering at The Haven Project in Lynn proving homeless young adults between the ages of 17-24 with the skills and support they need to reach their potential." Peter Nicolas has tutored a college student in calculus and Patty Reilly has worked with two young men, one preparing to take the GED exam, another, a high school senior doing homework for a History class. They have a wonderful sense of personal reward for the work they do with these young people. Tutors and volunteers for various support work are welcomed! Please see the bulletin board in the Parish Hall for more information about the Haven Project and volunteer opportunities. For any questions, please contact Emily Urbina at The Haven Project 781-913-5738, or Patty Reilly. - Patty Reilly



*St. Michael's Team raised nearly \$2000 at the Family Promise Walk to End Homelessness, October 15. Thank you all who participated!*

## From the Vestry

### End-of-Year Annual Pledge & Capital Campaign Donations

We appreciate all of your generous pledge and capital campaign contributions. Please be sure to write on the check whether it is for annual pledge, including pledge number or for capital campaign.

For stock donations please be sure to email or call the office to indicate whether the donation is a pledge or capital campaign donation.

You can call the office, email the office at office@stmichaels1714.org or the treasurer at stmichaels1714@gmail.com for wiring information or questions. - Diane Christian, Treasurer

### Nominating Committee Seeks Suggestions

The Nominating Committee is considering candidates for leadership positions in the church. Each year at the Annual Meeting of the parish, Saint Michael's elects two wardens, clerk, treasurer, assistant treasurer, 3 Vestry members and 2 delegates to the Diocesan convention.

If you know of a good candidate, or if you are interested yourself, please contact any member of the Nominating Committee: Steve Clay, Karin McCarthy, Ellie Doyle, Rory Gaunt, Jennifer Oliveira and the Rev. Andrew Stoessel.

**The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 29, 2017**

## St. Michael's Heart of Christmas Fair—Donate—Bake—Volunteer!

Plans are underway for this year's Heart of Christmas Fair. This is our primary fundraiser to benefit the programs of St. Michael's—worship, music, Church School and more. Come join the fun! Donate antiques and collectibles, jewelry, crafts, baked goods, and your time at events!

—Karen McMahon, Charlene Tyler

### Crafts, Wreaths & Christmas Decorations

We welcome handmade items: Christmas decorations, unusual scarves, hats with flowers, hostess gifts, bulbs in containers, doll clothing, and the imagination & creativity of all ages. What's hot in your neighborhood? Contact Karen McMahon with your ideas and questions.

**Wreaths and Greens:** We will have simple live wreaths with bows, with possible presales on November 27. There will be table arrangements as well! Bring in your fine containers, baskets, pine cones, artificial fruit, and other decorative items that we can use!

### Clean Out Your Jewelry Box

Is your jewelry box overflowing with items you don't wear? We can use bracelets, necklaces, rings, earrings for pierced and non-pierced ears and pins. Please shine up any silver pieces to show their worth! If you know the value of a piece let us know so we can price it appropriately.

The Jewelry Table is one of the most popular tables in the Christmas Fair so let's keep up that tradition!!

Please leave jewelry in the Parish Office.

—Linda Smidt, Connie Denault & Octavia Moniz

### Rich Uncle Antiques and Collectibles

Already goods are being collected for Marblehead's pop-up Wonder, St. Michael's "Rich Uncle's Antiques and Collectables Shop" at the Christmas Fair.

What's hot? Fur (please no other clothing items); old silver serving pieces; framed prints and paintings, already assembled; dining table decor; small oriental rugs, small tables of classic or unique design; exotic, beautiful Asian artifacts. Please, NO dirty or broken items, electronics or large furniture (we don't have space to store or show). Think of donations as something you might buy for a friend or relative—that you liked! And thank you for your generosity.

Please leave "Rich Uncle" items in the Parish Library.

—Peggy Bittermann, Carole Davidson, Aileen Day,  
Jenny Oliveira and Pat Spaberg



### Fair Preparation Events

#### Chutney Choppers

Saturday, November 5 at 9am—1pm

#### Fair Planning—Final Details

Monday, November 7 at 7:00 pm

#### Wreath & Arrangement Days

to be determined

#### More Crafts, Canning, Baking, Donating

Anytime on your time!

#### Fair Set-Up

Wednesday, November 30, 5:30 pm

#### Vendor Set-Up

Friday, December 2, 4:00 pm

Contact Karen McMahon

Sign Up in the Parish Lobby for shifts & activities.

See next page for events & hours

### Gourmet Food!

**Apple pies and chutney** for Thanksgiving and Christmas! The pies are ready, join the Chutney Choppers on Saturday, November 5 between 8:30 am and 1 pm. Bring your favorite chopping knife for great fun. Look for the cart at coffee hour to buy before we run out!

**Home Baking for the Fair** — breads of all sizes and kinds, biscotti, cookies in packages of 6 or 12, preserves, home canned goods, casseroles, cupcakes instead of cakes, jams & preserves, your favorite chocolate item and more!

**Bake Ahead—breads, casseroles, desserts, snack foods!** If you are making something for your family, double or triple the recipe and freeze a few batches for the Fair. This can be a loaf of bread (all sizes) a casserole, or dessert that freezes well.

**Label** what you are bringing including key ingredients or flavors, and particularly indicate "nuts" or "no nuts."

**Package** your baked goods in a festive way with a bow or a sprig of green to make the ordinary special. Label what you are bringing including key ingredients or flavors, and particularly indicate "nuts" or "no nuts."

**Deliver** frozen items any time and fresh goods on Thursday or Friday the week of the fair. Pam Oppelt, et al.

**The Heart of Christmas Fair—Save the Dates & Volunteer!**



**Tree Lighting on the Lawn  
during the Christmas Walk Preview**

**Thursday, December 1**  
6 pm—8 pm Chili-in-a-bag & Hot Cider  
7:00 pm Tree Lighting & Carols



**Saturday, December 3  
9:00 am—3:00 pm**

Hot beverage & more beginning 9am

Lunch 11 am—2pm  
Chili-in-a-bag (outside), chowder,  
hot dogs & grilled cheese

Silent Auction ends at 1:30 pm

Sign Up in the Parish Lobby  
for shifts & activities.

**Sunday, December 4  
5:00 pm Choral Evensong**

**St. Michael's  
Heart of Christmas Fair**



**Friday, December 2  
6:00 pm—8:30 pm**

Wassail! Wine! Hors d'Oeuvres  
& Preview Sale  
Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door.  
Children ages 2-12 are \$5.

**For the Broader Community**

**Thrift Shop Meeting & Needs.**

The November Thrift Shop Meeting continues to be scheduled on the second Sunday of the month following the 8 am service, or November 13 at 9 am. We appreciate your interest and help.

November brings THANKSGIVING We need donations of tablecloths, please in good condition; tableware, preferably white plates and serving pieces; silverware (we know your sterling is destined for the Rich Uncle Boutique at the Fair), but we would love your vintage silver-plate flatware and stainless knives, forks and spoons, also wine glasses and other glassware suitable for the turkey feast. Kitchen items are highly desirable for baking as cooks get into high gear. And let us not forget candles and holders.

Please bring in your winter coats, sweaters, pants, boots, gloves, scarves and warm hats so that all can be sorted and set for display during The CHRISTMAS WALK. The same is true for Christmas items. If we have them early, they can be better sorted and presented in December.

Lastly, please make sure your donations are clean, in good condition and work. Quality counts! If it is suitable to your personal family and friends, it suitable for the Thrift Shop to be offering at any price to our family and friends in the community at large. And thank you for your generosity.  
- Liz Grader and the volunteers

**Thursday, November 3 at 6:30 pm  
St. Catherine's Guild**

All parishioners are invited to St. Catherine's November dinner and meeting. Bob Booth will provide an illustrated talk on his recent book, *The Women Of Marblehead*, which was commissioned by The Marblehead Female Humane Society for its 200th anniversary. Bob's book explores the lives of Marblehead's women over the centuries, and particularly their impact on the Marblehead economy in the 19th Century. The November dinner (\$5), provided by Wyckoff, Pam Oppelt, Pat Spaberg, and others, will include Chicken Marbella, rice, a green salad, bread and carrot cake with topping.

All parishioners are invited, but please RSVP to Jennifer Oliveira ASAP.  
—Marilyn Day, President

**Marblehead Food Pantry**

As we celebrate all the good things that are happening in our lives on Thanksgiving, November 24. please consider a donation of nonperishable, nutritious food or a check payable to the Marblehead Food Bank. Special paper bags are available for parishioners beside the food donation bin. St. Michael's has always been a generous supporter of our fellow citizens' needs. Let's continue this excellent out-reach to our town. St. Michael's will continue to deliver donations weekly that are left in the Parish Hall on Sundays. Thank you for your continuing generosity. — Outreach Committee



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*Photo: Ulrike Welsch*

Evensong & Benediction of the  
Blessed Sacrament  
All Saints Sunday  
November 6 at 5:00 p.m.

Join us for choral evensong with  
music of T. Tertius Noble & Tallus.

### St. Michael's Organ Recital

Sunday, November 20, 5 pm

Joshua Lawton  
Music Director & Organist  
Trinity Church, Newton Centre

Reception to follow.

#### St. Michael's Church

**Officers:** Stephen Clay, Sr. Warden; Karin McCarthy, Jr. Warden; Sue Cool, Clerk; Diane Christian, Treasurer;  
Kristin Carlson, Asst. Treasurer.

**Vestry:** Sarah Bates, Kelley Callahan, Ellie Doyle, Brian Fizer, Rory Gaunt, Justin Hintlian, William Miller, Octavia Moniz,  
Jennifer Oliveira.

**Delegates for Convention:** Brian Fizer, Denise Shea.

**Delegates to the North Shore Deanery:** Brian Fizer, Annette Nicolas, Frances Nilsson, Denise Shea

**Staff:** The Rev. Andrew J. Stoessel, Rector; Dr. Douglas Major, Music Director; Kelley Callahan, Christian Education  
Director; Jane Maihos, Parish Administrator; Jennifer Hill, Sexton.

**Newsletter:** Frances Nilsson, Editor; Marcia Koopman, Mailings.

# November 2016



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Thrift Shop Hours</i> Tues.-Sat. 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm</p>	<p><i>Office Hours</i> Mon. – Fri. 8:30 am – 12:30 pm</p>	<p><b>1</b> 5:00 pm Team at My Brother's Table, Lynn</p>	<p><b>2</b> 9:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:30 am Bible Study 11:45 am Church Staff 8:00 pm AA</p>	<p><b>3</b> 4:30 pm Youth Choir 6:30 pm St. Catherine's Guild 7:30 pm Adult Choir</p>	<p><b>4</b> 1:30 pm–5:30 pm Diocesan Convention in Marshfield</p>	<p><b>5</b> 9 am – 1 pm Chutney Making 8:30 am – 3:30 pm Diocesan Convention in Marshfield</p>
<p><b>ALL SAINTS DAY 6</b> <i>Daylight savings time ends. Fall back one hour.</i> 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 am Child Care 9:45 am Church School 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 11:15 am Children's Chapel 5:00 pm Choral Evensong</p>	<p><b>7</b> 11:00 am Prayer Shawl 6:00 pm Supper Club 7:00 pm Christmas Fair Planning</p>	<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>9</b> 9:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:30 am Bible Study 11:45 am Church Staff 8:00 pm AA</p>	<p><b>10</b> 4:30 pm Youth Choir 7:30 pm Adult Choir</p>	<p><b>11</b> <i>Veteran's Day</i> <i>Office Open</i> 11:00 am Wisdom-Friendship Group</p>	<p><b>12</b> 11am-1 pm Team at Lifebridge w/Dana Denault 5:00 pm Turner/Moody Wedding &amp; Reception</p>
<p><b>26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 13</b> 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:00 am Thrift Shop Meeting 9:30 am Child Care 9:45 am Church School 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II</p>	<p><b>14</b> 11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry</p>	<p><b>15</b> 7:00 pm Vestry</p>	<p><b>16</b> 9:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:30 am Bible Study 11:45 am Church Staff 8:00 pm AA</p>	<p><b>17</b> 4:30 pm Youth Choir 7:30 pm Adult Choir</p>	<p><b>18</b> <i>Newsletter Deadline</i></p>	<p><b>19</b></p>
<p><b>CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY 20</b> 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 am Child Care 9:45 am Church School 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 5:00 pm Organ Recital: Joshua Lawton</p>	<p><b>21</b> 11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry</p>	<p><b>22</b> 7:00 pm Marblehead Interfaith Service at Temple Sinai</p>	<p><b>23</b> 9:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:30 am Bible Study 11:45 am Church Staff 8:00 pm AA</p>	<p><b>Thanksgiving 24</b> <i>Office Closed</i></p>	<p><b>25</b> <i>Office Closed</i></p>	<p><b>26</b></p>
<p><b>1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ADVENT 27</b> 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 am Child Care No Church School 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II</p>	<p><b>28</b> 11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry</p>	<p><b>29</b> 6:00 pm Supper Club 6 pm – 8 pm Deanery at St. Stephen's, Lynn</p>	<p><b>30</b> 9:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:30 am Bible Study 11:45 am Church Staff 6:00 pm Fair Set-Up 8:00 pm AA</p>	<p><b>DECEMBER 1</b> 6 pm – 8 pm Chili-in-a-bag &amp; cider 7 pm Tree Lighting &amp; Carols</p>	<p><b>2</b> Heart of Christmas Opening Party 6 pm – 8:30 pm</p>	<p><b>3</b> Heart of Christmas Fair 9:00 am – 3:00 pm</p>